

VENABLE, BAETJER, HOWARD & CIVILETTI, LLP
Including professional corporations

1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20005-3917
(202) 962-4800, Fax (202) 962-8300
www.venable.com

OFFICES IN

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARYLAND
VIRGINIA

VENABLE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

August 29, 2001

Attorney Docket: 31762-174983

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



26694

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Submitted herewith is the following patent application:

Title: COMMUNICATION CONNECTING DEVICE CAPABLE OF REDUCING
A LOAD ON AN IP NETWORK AND A DATA OUTPUT CONTROL METHOD

Inventor(s):

Katsutoshi TAJIRI

Address: c/o OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO., LTD.

7-12, Toranomom 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Takashi NODA

Address: c/o OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO., LTD.

7-12, Toranomom 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Rika KAMIMURA

Address: c/o OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO., LTD.

7-12, Toranomom 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

The priority of the following foreign application is claimed under 35 USC 119:
Japan No. 2000-262745 filed August 31, 2000

The application includes

- ☒ a description pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.71;
- ☒ at least one claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.75;
- ☒ Formal drawings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.81(a) [7 sheets] (Figs. 1-6).
- ☒ Certified copy of Japan 2000-262745 filed August 31, 2000.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement + PTO Form 1449 + copy of one pub.

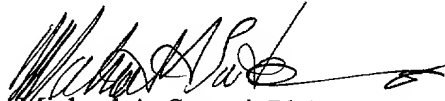
In view of the above, it is requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1).

A Declaration signed by the inventors and the filing fee will be submitted in due course.

Please address all communications to:

VENABLE
P.O. Box 34385
Washington, D.C. 20043-9998

Respectfully submitted,



Michael A. Sartori, Ph.D.
Registration No. 41,289

MAS/njp